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- KLTN 7 Tyler reported that in Texas, the dam on Pure Oil Lake in Van Zandt County failed on Tuesday. Although the county fire marshal described the situation as "a best case scenario" for a dam failure, officials will continue to monitor the situation. (See item [32](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical:** ELEVATED, **Cyber:** ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *January 2, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Oil prices jump 2.0 dollars on Nigeria unrest, U.S. supply concerns.** Oil prices surged by more than 2.0 dollars on Wednesday, supported by unrest in crude producer Nigeria and the prospect of falling energy inventories in the United States, dealers said. New York's main contract, light sweet crude for February, soared 2.02 dollars to 98 dollars per barrel from its close on Monday. Brent North Sea crude for February climbed 1.74 dollars to 96.21 dollars.

Markets were closed Tuesday for the New Year holiday. In Nigeria, Africa's biggest crude producer, at least 12 people were killed over the New Year in the country's oil capital Port Harcourt, raising fears that crude output could be further reduced. Violence by militants has reduced Nigeria's oil output by about a fifth since the start of 2006. Elsewhere, an official report due Thursday was expected to show that crude oil inventories in the United States, the world's top energy consumer, have fallen for a seventh week in a row. Falling inventories amid the northern hemisphere winter when demand for heating fuel surges is helping to lift prices.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20080102/ts_afp/commoditiesenergyoilprice;_ylt=ArSpd31oyOdeB7BxeC1kJ9gS.MwF

2. *January 1, Associated Press* – (National) **Mine safety lags 2 years after explosion.** Two years after an explosion tore apart the Sago Mine and killed 12 men, prompting Congress to pass legislation strengthening mine safety standards, many of those standards have yet to be implemented. Congress overhauled mine safety rules after the January 2006 blast at the Upshur County, West Virginia, mine. There were two other high-profile fatal mine accidents that year, and an August collapse in Utah killed nine miners. The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration has yet to implement some of the standards established by the laws, and the United Mine Workers union, which represents some of the 42,000 miners who work in the nation's 670 underground coal mines, blames the agency and mine owners for the delays.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080101/ap_on_re_us/mine_safety;_ylt=AjXa44KP2CqdDw.Dc0UjGdG2ocA

3. *January 1, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Snow, wind storm cuts power to 10,000 in Ohio.** Remnants of a New Year's Day storm that dumped more than a foot of snow on southeastern Michigan cut power Tuesday to 10,000 northeast Ohio customers as it blew across Lake Erie, a utility spokesman said. Outages from power lines pulled down by winds and falling tree limbs were mainly in areas east of Cleveland, though there were some problems within the city, said a spokesman for FirstEnergy Corp. The company called in extra crews to help restore power, but they were having difficulty keeping up with the storm, he said. The National Weather Service had a winter storm warning in effect until 7 p.m. Wednesday for an eight-county area in northeastern Ohio because of blustery winds accompanying lake effect snow.

Source: [http://www.examiner.com/a-](http://www.examiner.com/a-1133162~Snow_wind_storm_cuts_power_to_10_000_in_Ohio.html)

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *December 31, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Hydrogen blast shuts down Moses Lake chemical plant.** A Moses Lake chemical plant that was shut down by a hydrogen blast hopes to return to production in a week. The manager of Eka Chemicals says it will not restart until an investigation determines what went wrong Friday and officials are

certain it cannot happen again. No one was injured, but a Moses Lake Fire Captain described the damage as fairly significant. There was no fire or chemical release.

Source: <http://www.theolympian.com/northwest/story/313839.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *January 1, Today's Sunbeam* – (New Jersey) **Salem 1 nuclear reactor down after failure.** The Salem 1 nuclear reactor remained off line Monday after it automatically shut down early in the weekend because of a transformer problem. Salem 1, one of three reactors at the Artificial Island nuclear generating complex, shut down at 5:55 p.m. Friday, according to the plant's operator, PSEG Nuclear. The failure of the power transformer resulted in two of the reactor's cooling pumps going off line, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. PSEG said the plant would be returned to service once the electrical issue with the transformer is resolved.
Source: <http://www.nj.com/news/sunbeam/local/index.ssf?/base/news-3/1199164201193600.xml&coll=9>
6. *January 1, Greenville News* – (South Carolina) **Clemson researcher's work could add another layer to reactor safety.** A Clemson University researcher is examining the potential of carbon fiber-based advanced materials, like those used in jetliner brakes, to withstand the heat and radiation in next-generation nuclear reactors. The carbon fiber composites can withstand higher temperatures than the steel alloys currently used internally in reactors, said the Clemson University chemical engineering professor, deputy director of the Center for Advanced Engineering Fibers and Films. That could add another layer of safety to nuclear facilities in the event of a coolant malfunction, he said. But before the material can be used in reactors, scientists need to understand how these carbon fiber-based materials react to radiation. That question is at the crux of the professor's current research, funded by a new \$450,000 Department of Energy grant, to research carbon fibers embedded into a carbon matrix that do not melt in extreme temperatures for potential use in the next generation power generators.
Source:
<http://greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080101/NEWS01/801010369>
7. *December 31, Associated Press* – (Washington; Idaho) **Closed Hanford reactor fuel being sent to Idaho for recycling.** The last nuclear fuel from a closed Hanford research reactor, known as FFTF, is being shipped to the Idaho National Laboratory for recycling. It could be used in commercial reactors. The Energy Department says 11 truck shipments of uranium began in October and should be completed in May. The uranium is transported in special casks. The Hanford test reactor operated from 1982 to 1992. Despite years of efforts by supporters in the Tri-Cities, the federal government was unable to find a use for the reactor.
Source: <http://www.theolympian.com/northwest/story/313970.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

8. *January 2, Bloomberg* – (National) **Boeing wins C-17 work contract.** Boeing Co. won a U.S. Air Force contract valued at as much as \$1.3 billion to enhance the C-17 cargo aircraft fleet. The award to Boeing's McDonnell Douglas Corp. unit covers C-17 design, development, and improvement work over the next five years, according to a Defense Department statement issued Monday. It includes continued efforts associated with the analysis, study, plan, development and qualification/test, and kit prototype of enhancements to the C-17 weapon system. As of Monday, \$13.6 million in work had been awarded under the contract, which has a ceiling value of \$1.3 billion and may end up being worth less. The indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract has a five-year ordering period.
Source: http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/chewed_boeing_0102jan02,0,919865.story?track=rss
9. *January 2, Associated Press* – **Raytheon, General Dynamics get Army pact.** Raytheon Co. and partner General Dynamics Corp. received a \$232.3 million, long-term contract from the Army to develop missiles, the defense contractor said Wednesday. Raytheon and General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems will be responsible for system design and development of the XM 1111 mid-range munition for the Army's future combat systems' mounted combat system. Raytheon's missile proposal includes plans for a multipurpose chemical energy warhead.
Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080102/raytheon_contract.html?.v=1
10. *January 2, Florida Today* – (National) **DRS gets \$42 million Army contract for helicopter work.** Defense contractor DRS Technologies Inc. has won a \$42 million contract to provide support work and repairs for Army helicopters. DRS will provide engineering and field service support, as well as general depot repairs for the mast-mounted sights on Kiowa Warrior attack helicopters. The company also will provide post-production, engineering assistance and depot support. The contract comes from the Army's Aviation and Missile Command and it has a maximum value of more than \$700 million. DRS said, to date, it has been awarded approximately \$318 million under this contract.
Source:
<http://www.floridatoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080102/BUSINESS/801020311>

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *December 31, Newhouse News Service* – (National) **In new e-mail scam, 'Marine officer' asks for your help.** In a new twist on scams that collectively have bilked thousands of people of millions of dollars, someone claiming to be a high-ranking U.S. Marine Corps officer seeks to move \$25 million in funds from those killed in insurgent attacks out of Iraq. The e-mailer, who alternately identifies himself as "Lieutenant

Colonel William Adams” and “Lieutenant Colonel Williams Adams,” says he plans to ship the money out of Iraq using the immunity of a British diplomatic courier. The money will be divvied up once “Adams” and his unnamed partner leave Iraq. Typically, scammers ask responders to send money as good-faith collateral for holding the promised windfall cash. “Adams” pledges to send those interested “full details” of the operation once they provide their “most confidential” telephone and fax numbers. A Marine Corps spokesman said there is no current record of a lieutenant colonel named William Adams or Williams Adams.

Source:

http://www.ajc.com/news/content/news/stories/2007/12/31/IRAQSCAM_1231.html

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Transportation Sector

12. *January 2, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Mechanical failure on bridge disrupts commuter rail service.** For the second time in the last two weeks, a problem with a rail bridge in Beverly has halted commuter trains on the Newburyport/Rockport line in Massachusetts. A MBTA spokesman says a mechanical failure is preventing the drawbridge from being placed in a locked position to allow trains to cross. The same bridge over the Danvers River was struck by a barge on December 21, knocking it out of commission for parts of two days.

Source:

<http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/general/view.bg?articleid=1064088>

13. *January 1, Bloomberg* – (Texas) **Mexicans protesting NAFTA block Ciudad Juarez-El Paso bridge.** Mexican protesters blocked all but one lane of the bridge linking Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and El Paso, Texas, on Tuesday to protest the opening of Mexico’s market to U.S. corn and sugar as part of the North American Free Trade Agreement. About 1,000 people walked to the halfway point of the Cordoba Bridge after midnight. Farmers and supporters held protests all across Mexico today as tariffs on sugar, corn, milk, and beans were lifted. A spokesman for the National Association of Commercial Field Producers said that the protesters, who argue Mexico has not done enough to protect them from cheaper U.S. commodities, may block the bridge until Wednesday.

Source:

[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601086&sid=aj9TfAYAR8Nk&refer=lat in america](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601086&sid=aj9TfAYAR8Nk&refer=lat_in_america)

14. *December 31, Associated Press* – (National) **NASA releases info on pilot survey.** NASA begrudgingly released some results Monday from an \$11.3 million federal air safety study it previously withheld from the public over concerns it would upset travelers and hurt airline profits. It published the findings in a format that made it cumbersome for any thorough analysis by outsiders. Released on New Year’s Eve, the unprecedented research conducted over nearly four years relates to safety problems identified by some 29,000 pilots interviewed by telephone. Earlier characterizations from people who have seen the results said they would show that events like near

collisions and runway interference occur far more frequently than previously recognized. Such information could not be gleaned from the 16,208 pages posted by NASA on its Web site, however, because of information that was edited out. The data was based on interviews with about 8,000 pilots per year from 2001 until the end of 2004.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap_travel/20071231/ap_tr_ge/travel_brief_air_safety_secrets;ylt=AhszDIJjiS13bcgPfZKymqOs0NUE

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *January 2, Reuters* – (International) **Powder packages spark embassy scare in Australia.** Australian police launched a criminal investigation on Wednesday after the Israeli, U.S., and British embassies were sent packages containing white powder, forcing evacuation of the Israeli and American missions. Tests on all three powder packages found they were harmless, police later said. Several foreign embassies, including the American, Japanese, and South Korean missions, have been targeted in powder scares in recent years, along with Australia's Parliament House. All turned out to be harmless.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/topNews/idUSSP1651320080102?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

16. *January 2, Ledger* – (Florida) **Growers try to save crops from freeze.** Citrus and strawberry growers rushed to protect their crops Tuesday in anticipation of this winter's coldest temperatures and possible freeze forecast for early Thursday morning. The National Weather Service is predicting Polk County temperatures to bottom out near 25 degrees. The temperature drop is potentially dangerous for Central Florida's agricultural industry. With temperatures cold enough to kill agricultural crops expected, Florida's governor declared a state of emergency late Monday and temporarily relaxed the weight, height, length, and width restrictions for commercial vehicles transporting vulnerable crops to processing sites, the Associated Press reported. The order will remain in effect for a week but could be extended. Any prolonged freeze could prove disastrous for the strawberry industry, which has 8,320 acres of planted fields in the state.

Source: <http://www.theledger.com/article/20080102/NEWS/801020418/1039>

17. *December 31, Reuters* – (North Carolina) **Canadian hay arrives for North Carolina farmers.** Canadian hay began arriving in North Carolina on Monday to help farmers feed cattle and horses in the drought-stricken state. The shipment was the first of 36 truckloads purchased by the state's agriculture department from farms near Perth, Ontario, about 50 miles southwest of Ottawa. Announcing the purchase on December 20, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture said it was the initial buy under a \$3.5

million program to provide emergency supplies that livestock owners can tap to prevent the forced sale of horses and cattle. North Carolina farmers have lost roughly half of the state's normal hay crop, according to a study by a researcher at North Carolina State University, who, in estimates prepared for the state, valued the hay loss at \$91 million. He valued the total loss of North Carolina crops due to the draught at \$382 million and, using an economic impact multiplier of about 1.5 for agriculture production, estimated the lost crops cost the state's economy \$573 million in 2007.

Source: <http://ca.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idCAN3159142420071231?sp=true>

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Water Sector

18. *January 2, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Town's water supply drains from bullet holes.** In the midst of an extreme drought, the town of Maiden, North Carolina, has lost hundreds of thousands of gallons of water that leaked from bullet holes discovered in the town's water tower, which holds 750,000 gallons of water. A Catawba County sheriff's deputy said that the tower appears to have been shot three times with a high-powered rifle. City officials said that the tower can not be fixed until most of the water is drained, because the repairs will have to be done from inside the holding tank.

Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/14956882/detail.html>

19. *January 1, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Forum to focus on fixing Lake O, preserving water supply.** On January 17, federal and state policymakers will gather with local officials and water users to talk about ways to protect Florida's Lake Okeechobee, while meeting the needs of farmers, residents, fishermen, and others who rely on the water. The forum is open to the public, but geared toward the invited government and interest group representatives. Issues to be discussed include keeping development off rural land needed for water retention, as well as how to balance water supply needs amid dramatic fluctuations in lake levels. The Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District, and lakeside governments are scheduled to join marina operators, sugar cane growers, and environmental group representatives at the forum. Eighteen months of drought, coupled with decisions in 2006 to lower the lake in anticipation of a busy hurricane season that never materialized, brought the lake to an all-time low in July.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/southflorida/sfl-flakeo0101pnjan01,0,771819.story>

20. *January 1, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Recent rain helped, but water levels remain far below average.** Thanks to late-December rainfall, Asheville, North Carolina, narrowly avoided its driest year on record, lakes in Charlotte swelled slightly, and water supplies in Raleigh and Durham increased by several weeks. Although recent rainfall prevented stricter water limits in some areas, and heavy snowfall was forecast Tuesday in parts of western North Carolina, the entire state is still suffering from drought. The two main water supplies for Durham collected enough rain in the last week to increase a 36-day supply of premium, easily accessible water to 60 days. The latest drought report, issued by the U.S. Drought Monitor last week, said 78 of the state's 100

counties are in exceptional drought conditions, the most intense category. The remainder of the state - small sections along the Virginia border and much of the coast - are classified in extreme or severe drought.

Source: <http://www.charlotte.com/204/story/427816.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

21. *January 2, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Toxic fungus moves into Oregon causing illness, death.** Cryptococcus gattii, a toxic fungus, has spread into Oregon and is affecting a handful of residents there, most recently a Junction City woman was hospitalized for more than four months. In the Northwest, it was first detected on Vancouver Island in 1999, where it has sickened about 180 residents and killed eight, said an associate professor of environmental health at the University of British Columbia. The disease, which is normally associated with warm climates, is still rare, and no one is sure how it reached Oregon. The abovementioned professor speculated that it may have arrived on an imported plant or bird. Others say it may have been here for a long time, unnoticed until changes in climate or land-use patterns allowed it to grow in high enough concentrations to become airborne. Initial symptoms resemble flu and a general malaise. Only after symptoms continue for several weeks or worsen with a cough that does not go away, unexplained weight loss, and night sweats do physicians realize they are dealing with something else.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,319427,00.html>

22. *January 2, Reuters* – (National) **FDA approves 2-hour staph blood test.** Becton, Dickinson and Co. on Wednesday said it received clearance from the Food and Drug Administration for a test to identify the presence of two deadly healthcare-associated infections: Staphylococcus aureus and methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, better known as MRSA. The maker of diagnostic tests, laboratory equipment, and hospital products said the tests provide results within two hours, directly from positive blood cultures. Becton said the rapid tests will allow for more appropriate isolation procedures and agent-specific antimicrobial therapy and ultimately reduce health-care costs.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20080102/hl_nm/becton_dc;_ylt=AoXYQ2aOqsP6YiFK_y56OjKs0NUE

23. *January 1, Reuters* – (International) **Bird flu forces Bangladesh to cull 20,000 chickens.** Nearly 20,000 chickens were culled after the H5N1 bird flu virus was detected at a government poultry farm in the Bangladesh capital, officials said on Tuesday. The latest infection was at Mirpur, on the outskirts of Dhaka, said the director of the government's livestock department. Bird flu was first reported near the capital in March and has since spread mainly to northern districts, forcing authorities to kill more than 300,000 chickens. About 4 million Bangladeshis are directly or indirectly associated with poultry farming, but so far there have been no cases of human infection, government and health officials say.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/health-SP/idUSL0162846820080102?sp=true>

24. *January 1, Associated Press* – (National) **CDC seeks 44 on flight with TB patient.** Officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are asking health authorities in 17 states to contact 44 airplane passengers who sat within two rows of a 30-year-old woman infected with a hard-to-treat form of tuberculosis on a flight from India. The woman arrived in San Francisco on December 13 aboard an American Airlines flight that she boarded in New Delhi. The flight stopped in Chicago before continuing to San Francisco International. Health officials said she was diagnosed with TB in India, but boarded the flight anyway. Such passengers are typically barred from boarding flights originating in the United States, but U.S. officials have little authority over who boards incoming international flights. Officials are urging anyone who may have come into contact with the woman to undergo testing for TB.

Source: <http://apnews.myway.com/article/20080101/D8TT2J6O0.html>

Government Facilities Sector

Nothing to report.

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Emergency Services Sector

25. *January 1, Savannah Morning News* – (Georgia) **Cell phones, identical street names causing confusion among dispatchers, emergency responders.** A 911 call reporting a fire in Eden on Wednesday ended up going to the Chatham County, Georgia, dispatch center instead of the Effingham County, Georgia, dispatch like it was supposed to, according to officials. To compound the problem, the street where the fire occurred has the same name as a street in Chatham County. Such mishaps are rare, but can result in a delayed response, said the Effingham County Fire Chief.

Source: <http://savannahnow.com/node/423465>

26. *January 1, Record* – (New Jersey) **Simulators to hone fire, police, rescue driving skills.** What does it feel like to rush a patient in an ambulance to a hospital during a rush-hour snowstorm? Bergen County, New Jersey, officials have spent \$330,000 so that all police, fire, and emergency employees in the county can find out. The county has bought two “driving simulators” – sophisticated computer games that allow users to feel what it is like to drive on icy, twisty, or crowded city streets. The simulators, made by Doron Precision Systems, will be installed at the county Law and Public Safety Institute in Mahwah by spring, according to a county spokesman. The simulators will be included in the training curricula for all police, fire, and emergency workers in the county.

Source:

<http://www.northjersey.com/page.php?qstr=eXJpcnk3ZjczN2Y3dnFIZUVFeXk1MCZmZ2JlbDdmN3ZxZWVFRXl5NzI0MDMwMiZ5cmlyeTdmNzE3Zjd2cWVIRUV5eTI=>

Information Technology

27. *January 1, IDG News Service* – (National) **Researcher says Sears downloads spyware.** Sears and Kmart customers who sign up for a new marketing program may be giving up more private information than they bargained for, a prominent anti-spyware researcher claims. According to a Harvard Business School Assistant Professor, Sears Holdings' My SHC Community program falls short of Federal Trade Commission (FTC) standards by failing to notify users exactly what happens when they download the company's marketing software. Given the invasive nature of the product, Sears has an obligation to make its behavior clearer to users. "The software is not something you'd want on your computer or the computer of anyone you care about," the professor said in an interview. "It tracks every site you go to, every search you make, every product you buy, and every product you look at but don't buy. It's just spooky."

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9054760&intsrc=hm_list

28. *December 31, PC World* – (National) **Malware evolving too fast for antivirus applications.** A good security program is vital to keeping users in control of their computers, but recent tests conducted by PC World found that new malware evaded the applications. The tests showed that even the best security software program only detected one in four new malware samples.

Source: <http://www.pcworld.com/article/id,140861/article.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

Communications Sector

29. *January 2, Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **MetroSafe radio system will begin in April.** Metro Louisville is about to take its final big step in developing a new digital communications system. Construction of three 200-foot towers for the MetroSafe radio system will begin in April — the first visible evidence that the \$70 million investment in public safety is closer to becoming reality. When fully operational in summer 2009, MetroSafe will allow unlimited channels for communication by police, firefighters and paramedics, and by non-emergency metro government employees, who need to talk with one another daily. The radio antennas, microwaves, and electronic equipment that will make up the backbone of the system are now being assembled and tested by Motorola,

the city's vendor, at one of its facilities in Illinois.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080102/NEWS01/80102001>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *January 1, Rome News-Tribune* – (Georgia) **Bomb squad called to mall, package exploded.** A suspicious package that led to the evacuation of Mount Berry Square mall Monday morning was apparently a hoax, but investigators said they are continuing to seek its source. A police spokesman said that while it could be called a hoax, it consumed “a lot of manpower.” Investigators are processing the evidence for prints and other clues to its origin. The Northwest Georgia Bomb Squad blew up the device on site but “there wasn’t anything explosive in it or it would have made a much bigger bang.”
Source: <http://news.mywebpal.com/partners/680/public/news865284.html>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

31. *December 31, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Federal money could help Forest Service with road-repair backlog.** Congress recently approved \$40 million to tend to a growing number of abandoned or damaged roads on Forest Service land across the country. This money could help repair or retire dozens of logging and mining roads in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Money to maintain the roads dried up as the large-scale logging industry declined in the 1990s. Statewide, there is an estimated \$300 million backlog of road damage on 22,000 miles of logging roads. More than \$120 million of that erosion damage is on 2,700 miles of road in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie forest.
Source: http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/6420ap_wa_forest_roads.html

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Dams Sector

32. *January 1, KLTV 7 Tyler* – (Texas) **Dam breaks sending gallons of water rushing downstream.** In Texas, Van Zandt County officials reported that a resident checking on his livestock on Tuesday morning noticed water spilling through cracks in the dam on Pure Oil Lake and notified authorities. A few hours later, the lake, which was built over 70 years ago, began to wash away. The county fire marshal described the situation as “a best case scenario on a dam failure...water is coming out at a pretty good [rate], but it’s not a sudden collapse of the dam.” Officials will continue to monitor the situation. Smith County authorities were also notified. The water is expected to raise waters levels along the Neches River.
Source: <http://www.kltv.com/Global/story.asp?S=7565166>

33. *January 1, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*— (Arkansas) **Officials dispute concerns.** The Arkansas River levee in downtown North Little Rock looks to be in good shape and has been well maintained, emphasized a civil engineer with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. However, certifying to the Federal Emergency Management Agency that it will withstand a 100-year flood is another matter, he said. Critics say the new floodplain maps FEMA is producing will result in people who live near perfectly good levees having to buy flood insurance regardless of the levees' condition or could lead to unfair development restrictions. FEMA contends the criticism is not fair, as the new map project was approved by Congress two years before Hurricane Katrina. FEMA does not inspect levees. The agency relies on the levee owners — in most cases the Corps, municipalities, or levee districts — to certify that the levee will protect against a 100-year flood.
Source: <http://www.nwanews.com/adg/News/212393/>

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